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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed please find Form PTO-1449, identifying five (5) references. Also enclosed are copies of the five identified references.

The enclosed five references have been cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with corresponding International Application PCT/SE00/00229. Each of the five references was cited in Category A, indicating that the reference defines the general state of the art but is not considered to be of particular relevance.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with corresponding

application PCT/SE00/00229. The International Preliminary Examination Report considers the five references cited in the International Search Report, and concludes that the claims are novel, considered to involve an inventive step, and have industrial applicability over the five cited references. The claims pending in the United States National Phase correspond to the claims considered in connection with the PCT application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the five enclosed references be formally cited of record in connection with the United States patent application as background material generally illustrating the state of the art.

Respectfully submitted,



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